

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus comprising a stamper configured to form pits and lands in a non-first layer in a multi-layer optical disc, said pits and lands defining data including an identifier tag which identifies the stamper as corresponding to a second stamper configured to form pits and lands in a first layer of the disc.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the pits and lands in the first layer of the disc define data including a table of contents (TOC) for said disc, and wherein the identifier tag comprises at least a portion of the TOC.

3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the identifier tag comprises a complete copy of the TOC.

4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the identifier tag comprises a reference value associated with the contents of the disc.

5. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the reference value is configured to facilitate identification of a revision level of the stamper.

6. An injection molded article formed by the stamper of claim 1.

7. A multi-layer optical disc formed from the injection molded article of claim 6.

8. A multi-layer optical disc, comprising:
a first layer which stores a first set of user data and a table of contents (TOC)
for the disc; and
a second layer aligned adjacent the first layer which stores a second set of
user data and an identifier tag which identifies the second layer as
corresponding to the first layer.

9. The multi-layer optical disc of claim 8, wherein the identifier tag
comprises at least a portion of the TOC.

10. The multi-layer optical disc of claim 8, wherein the identifier tag
comprises a reference value associated with the contents of the disc.

11. The multi-layer optical disc of claim 10, wherein the reference value
is configured to facilitate identification of a revision level of the second level.

12. The multi-layer optical disc of claim 10, wherein the first layer
further stores a second reference value associated with the contents of the disc.

13. The multi-layer optical disc of claim 8, further comprising a third
layer which stores a third set of user data and a second identifier tag which identifies
the third layer as corresponding to the first and second layers.

14. The multi-layer optical disc of claim 8, wherein the first and second
layers are configured such that, during a readback operation, a light beam from an
optical pickup impinges upon the first layer to read the first set of data and then
passes through the first layer to impinge upon the second layer to read the second set
of data.

15. A stamper used to form the second layer in accordance with claim 8.

16. A method, comprising:

forming a first layer for a multi-layer optical disc which stores a first set of user data and a table of contents (TOC) for the disc; and

forming a second layer for the disc configured to be aligned adjacent the first layer and which stores a second set of user data and an identifier tag which identifies the second layer as corresponding to the first layer.

17. The method of claim 16, further comprising attaching the second layer to the first layer.

18. The method of claim 16, further comprising forming a third layer for the disc configured to be aligned adjacent the second layer which stores a third set of user data and a second identifier tag which identifies the third layer as corresponding to the first and second layers.

19. The method of claim 16, further comprising using the identifier tag to test the second layer apart from the first layer.

20. The method of claim 16, further comprising using the identifier tag to identify a revision level of the second set of user data.